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SUBJ: INSPECTION REPORT ON MALI

REF: BISHOP LETTER TO AMB. DATED JULY 6

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON
INSPECTION REPORT.

2. THIS TELEGRAM REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO ONE SENTENCE
IN THE INSPECTION REPORT WHICH I CONSIDER TO BE SERIOUSLY
IN ERROR. THE SENTENCE IN QUESTION READS QTE FOR EXAMPLE,
OUR REPRESENTATION TO THE MALI GOVERNMENT ON PUERTO RICO
AND, ON ONE OCCASION WHEN INSTRUCTED ON KOREA, WERE
NOT HANDLED BY THE AMBASSADOR BUT BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF
OF MISSION AND PAO. SEND QTE. AS I KNOW AF IS AWARE,
THIS STATEMENT IS INCORRECT. TO ASSIST YOU IN COMMENTING
ON THE INSPECTION REPORT WE SHOULD LIKE TO CITE THE
FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS:

ON PUERTO RICO, 1975, BAMA KO 3076, 16 AUG.,
MY DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE;
BAMA KO 3080, 18 AUG., FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY
GENERAL; BAMA KO 3112, 19 AUG., CONVERSATION WITH
SEVERAL TOP-LEVEL MEMBERS OF MILITARY COMMITTEE AND
FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS; BAMA KO 3306, 29 AUGUST,
CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE;
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BAMA KO 3469, 13 SEPTEMBER, CONVERSATION WITH THE

SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; BAMAKO 3740, 8 OCTOBER, CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; 1976, BAMAKO 172, 14 JANUARY, CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CABINET; BAMAKO 592, FEBRUARY 17, CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; BAMAKO 954, 17 MARCH, CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT (ALSO DISCUSSED KOREA); BAMAKO 1051, 26 MARCH, CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE.

ON KOREA: 1975, BAMAKO 3748, 9 OCTOBER, CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; BAMAKO 4162, 7 NOVEMBER, CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MIXMASTER; BAMAKO 4611, 12 DECEMBER, DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN OFFICE; BAMAKO 4614, 13 DECEMBER, CONVERSATION WITH VICE PRESIDENT OF MALI ON KOREA. B-0954 (CITED ABOVE) 17 MARCH, 1976, CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT ON KOREA.

3. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, THERE HAVE BEEN INNUMERABLE OCCASIONS ON WHICH I HAVE DISCUSSED OUR POSITIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA INFORMALLY WITH MALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

4. I AM AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE BASIS FOR THE INSPECTORS' COMMENT. AT NO TIME DURING THEIR WEEK-LONG VISIT TO MALI WAS POINT DISCUSSED WITH ME NOR WAS THERE ANY INKLING OF IT IN THE DRAFT INSPECTION REPORT LEFT WITH THE EMBASSY UPON THE INSPECTORS' DEPARTURE.

5. AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MY REPRESENTATIONS, I CAN ONLY POINT TO THE RESULTS; A FORMAL APOLOGY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MALIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS RECORD DEMONSTRATES A RELUCTANCE ON MY PART TO CONTACT TOP RANK MALIAN OFFICIALS ON KEY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE IN PROMOTING U.S. INTERESTS.

6. YOU ARE FREE TO USE THIS TELEGRAM IN ANY WAY YOU SEE FIT.
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